

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

January 13, 2020

**Look Up.**

We are all aware of the distraction and distance our cell phones can or have created with others and the impact they can have on relationships. In November, I was reminded of the blessings that can come when devices are absent from a gathering.

During Parent/Teacher conferences we (the staff) were blessed to have supper prepared for us. As a staff we gathered in the staff room to break bread together. We had an hour to look up and meet each other face to face. During that time the room was filled with much conversation, laughter, support and really, over all, peace. It was lovely.

It wasn't until I returned to my classroom and checked my phone (that I had left on my desk) that I realized the blessing and the presence of God that existed. It hit me that NO ONE, I repeat NO ONE was on their phone or even had it out. We were truly in community. We were truly breaking bread together. We were truly in relationship with each other. We were doing what God has intended for each of His children- being in and building relationships.

God has put that deep sense of desire to connect, to belong and be face to face with others in each of us. Next time you are at home, out with family or friends, watching your kids play a sport; etc; Look Up! Don't miss the blessings God has waiting to pour out on you and those you are with.

V. Body



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| Tuesday  | - Jason K., Gr.6 |
| Friday   | - Emit H., Gr.1  |
| Saturday | - Cody D., Gr.5  |
| Sunday   | - Ryan D., Gr.5  |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** We thank God for his overflowing blessings and love. We know our God is a God of healing and comfort. We pray for grieving families and those coping with stress and challenges. We lift up the Markus family as baby Brooks will be undergoing surgery this week.

**Students on Placement:** This week we will say good-bye to Miss DeLeeuw, a Rehoboth Christian Secondary School student who is working with us in grade 2 for the first semester. We wish her God's blessings as she completes high school! Welcome to Miss Kamboj ('Miss K'), an Early Childhood Education student at Fanshawe College, who will be with us each Wed/Thurs for the winter semester.

**Staff Appreciation Monthly Meals:** This year instead of doing a full week of meals for Staff Appreciation the Community Relations Team has decided to provide 1 meal a month for the staff to enjoy. We are currently looking to fill up the rest of the year. For these meals we would need 4 people signed up to help make 2 main dishes (each feeding about 12-15 ppl) a salad and a dessert. You can check out the sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/RBcqmcv>. If you have any questions please contact Cara Renkema: [cckenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:cckenkema@hotmail.com) or 519-535-8969. Thank you for being a blessing to our staff!

**Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball:** Signups for senior basketball have begun! Mrs. Verbeek & Mr Derek McKie will be leading the senior boys' team while Miss Body & Mr H will be leading the senior girls' team. Practices will begin in late January with the Christian Schools tournament being held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (which is also a PD day for WCS). Our regular season with the Separate Schools begins February 18<sup>th</sup>. Details about practise times and game schedule will be shared soon.

**Friday = Purple Day:** Get your school spirit on! Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> is school colours day! Wear purple and grey or wear your spirit wear.

**WCS Electives:** Electives begin on Wednesday, February 5, and run for five weeks until March 4, 2020 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. An emailed letter will be sent tomorrow. Students will be given an opportunity to select 3 choices from about a dozen activities. Please watch for tomorrow's email and help students select their 3 choices on-line. If you have any questions, please let [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Kindergarten Information Evening** will be held on Thursday, January 30 @ 7:45 pm. If you know of someone who is looking for more information on Woodstock Christian School or has a child going to Kindergarten in September, please share with them about this evening.

**Transition to High School:** Are you considering secondary school options for your family? On February 13, 2020 at 7 pm, London Christian High will have an Information Night which will provide a great opportunity to meet with teachers, learn about student services, extra-curriculars, tuition framework, and hear about their program of learning. Students and their parents are most welcome to attend for more information about high school choices.

**Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** It is great having the students back at school! The grade 3 literacy group is having fun reading various fairy tales as we prepare to write our own story in the coming weeks. The grade 4 group will be writing another chapter for their autobiographies. This one is about their hobbies and interests. Looking forward to another great week.

Wednesday - Return book bags (Gr. 1-3)

Friday - Spelling test

**J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new week. It's Ezra's turn to be featured on our Fearfully and Wonderfully made board. Circle show and share is rescheduled for Tuesday and we will have triangle show and shares on Friday. Mrs Dieleman is leaving next week for DR to teach sewing. If you have any more sewing donations ( zippers, thread, elastic etc), please send them in this week. Have a great week!

Tuesday - Show and share a circle

Wednesday - Library

Friday - Dress up in Spirit wear and/or purple/gray  
- show and share a triangle

**S.K.1 - Miss Body:** Welcome to the second week of school in 2020. Our first week was great! I have heard and seen that many are not feeling well. Please pray for health for the community of WCS. Connecting question: What did we do last Wednesday in the music room? Letters: ai, j  
Sight words: come & big.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Scholastic Due

Friday - Spirit Day: wear your purple

**S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort:** This month in bible we are focussing on Jesus' Ministry and how it applies to our lives. We are learning this week how Jesus taught us how to pray. We are beginning our unit on addition to 5 this week. Please bring back blankets for rest time. Sight Words: we, the,

make. Jolly Phonics: y,x,ch.

Tuesday - library

Wednesday - s/s something sparkly

Friday - wear purple school spirit day

**Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to a new week!

Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade One!

Monday - Phys. Ed

Tuesday - Library  
- Poem Choices due

Wednesday - Show&Share: Lark, Emit & Jenna

Thursday - Phys. Ed

Friday - Spelling Test  
- Happy Birthday to Emit!  
- School Spirit Wear day: Wear your WCS clothes!

**Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga:** This week we will say good bye to Ms. DeLeeuw our coop students. We have enjoyed her time with us and we wish her God's blessings in her future endeavors. A letter was send home last week about the Poetry Meet. I am still in need of many students to choose and send it their poem choice - please do so by Wednesday this week. We have been busy learning the Lord's prayer in our Bible lessons - maybe ask your child to share it at a meal time?

Wednesday - Library  
- have your poem chosen and get a copy to Mrs. Horinga

Friday - School spirit. Wear purple or your WCS spirit wear.

**Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** Students received a letter on Friday regarding memorizing a poem for the next three weeks (not this week). Students will select their poem this week, and begin the process of memorizing it.

In Creation Studies, we have started a new unit, a study of the Canadian Arctic. Studies will be learning about the Inuit people, their past and their present way of living. As a class, we will also be studying the environment of the Arctic including plants, animals, and land studies.

Students are excited about their learning so be sure to ask about different topics we have learned about so far.

In phys-ed, students will be learning their floor hockey skills, as well as cooperative games. Some specific elements that students will learn are how to hold a stick, how to dribble, pass, shoot and the basic rules of a hockey game.

In French, students are working on knowing their numbers from 1 - 20. We are also continuing on our unit, Les Trois Petits Cochons, which includes students being able ask basic questions in our classroom and understanding key French words involved in basic conversations.

Friday - Spelling test

- Math test: geometry

**Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAnDel:** Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! Remember to read every night your January book!

Monday - Music

Tuesday - Gym: bring your clothes

Wednesday - Library: remember your books

Thursday - Math Test: multiplication  
- Gym: bring your clothes

Friday - Spelling test  
- Wear your WCS clothes!!  
- Memory work: Psalm 27:3,4  
- Music: bring your recorder  
- Buddies

**Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. The book report requirement for this month is sent home today. Don't lose it. Students need to choose a poem by this Friday for the Poetry meet in February.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Math Test: Unit 6 Multiplication (study 3 quizzes)  
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)  
- Music (bring recorder)

Friday - School spirit day (wear WCS stuff)  
- Spelling Test: Lesson 16  
- Mem. Work: Psalm 27:1-3  
- Choose a poem

Next Mon. - Music (bring recorder)

**Grade 5 - Mrs. H. Ysselstein:** Welcome to a new week! Praying for a great week of learning, peace on the soccer field and enjoyment of friendships. Congratulations to our class chess champion, William Kroondijk! We also participated in the Knight of Columbus Free Throw Competition - the girl winner was Julia Baer and the boy winner, Noah Markus.

**French.** This past week our class has been reviewing our numbers from 1-100. We will be beginning our unit and drama, called Comment Y Aller. In this unit study, students learn French in authentic situations in our classroom setting, as well as learn by reading and using French in the context of a story. This story builds on the knowledge that students learned when they completed the story Les Trois Petits Cochons, last year in Gr. 4.

Monday - Swimming Lessons

Wednesday - Prayer group meets

Thursday - Science quiz on the heart and how it works  
- In class review for measurement test

Friday - Spirit Wear Day: Purple is the colour of the day  
- Math test: Measurement unit - length measurement, time lapses, 24 hour clock, time

period, temperature

- Spelling Test: Review Unit 18
- Memory Work: Jeremiah 29:11
- Rough copy of stories should be completed and shared with Mrs. Ysselstein

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| January  | 15 | Prayer Group 8:30 am<br>Staff PLC 3:45 pm   |
|          | 21 | Board of Directors Meeting  |
|          | 22 | Pizza Lunch   |
|          | 27 | MAP Testing begins  |
|          | 28 | Junior Basketball Tournament  |
|          | 30 | Kindergarten Information Evening  |
|          | 31 | Theme Chapel - Overflowing with<br>Thankfulness                                       |
| February | 5  | Staff Meeting 7:15<br>Prayer Group 8:30<br>Sub Lunch<br>Kindergarten Registration Day |

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam:** What a wonderful start to the week to have everyone back together in grade 6! I pray everyone will stay healthy in the coming weeks. Thank you to those who sent in tissues for our classroom last week.

**Math:** The postponed math test for unit 7 will be tomorrow. Students have been working on review since last Weds. We will begin unit 8 on fractions this week.

**Language:** Spelling test 11 will be on Weds. Mystery stories are finished and we are beginning opinion writing and speeches.

Students have free choice of a "good fit" novel for their next book report.

**Creation Studies:** We will continue with visits from Officer Jackson for the next month as we explore healthy relationships and safety.

We are wrapping up our space unit and will begin a new social studies unit about Canadian Communities, past and present.

**French:** We are doing a short cultural study of Francophone (French speaking) cities in the province of Ontario.

Tuesday - Psalm of Praise to be completed

Thursday - Memory Work John 1: 1-5

**Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:** Please refer daily to Google Classroom for grade 7 homework, assignments and tests.

**French:** We are doing a short cultural study of Francophone (French speaking) cities in the province of Ontario.

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** Welcome to a new week of school. This week we will be launching into our Science Fair Projects and Speeches. Keep checking the Google classroom for updates on homework and assignment due dates. Have a great week!

**French:** Students are continuing a unit they starting in December, called En Ville. They are learning the names of different places and buildings you would find in a city. They are also working with the verb ALLER, in order to ask directions, give directions, and to use the near future tense to talk about an ideal night out with friends. This unit will meld into their next unit about Shopping.